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MOODY TELLS OUR WAR POLICY

A DECLARATION OF NEUTRALITY AT REPUBLICAN CLUB DINNER.

Both Japan and Russia Our Friends, and the Administration's Only Concern is to Keep This Country in the Pathway of Peace-Fairbanks Cuts Roosevelt Out of Our Great Presidents Message Sent From Hanna's Redside.

William Hamilton Moody, Secretary of the Navy, made the Lincoln dinner of the Republican Club last night even more notable an occasion than it is usually by delivering himself of an announcement of the Administration's policy toward the war in the Far East.

Mr. Moody spoke with the utmost deliberation, studying each phrase, apparently, efore he uttered it. The diners listened with the closest possible attention, because word had gone around before the Secretary of the Navy arose that he had told several persons who sat with him at the table that he intended his speech to be an official utterance, and that it should be understood as defining to the country the attitude of President Roosevelt and his Cabinet with regard to Russia and Japan.

As we meet to-night, unhappily there is war upon the sea. We are upon friendly terms with both of the nations who are engaged. We are attached to each by a bond of peculiar sympathy. One nation endeared elf to the hearts of the American people by an expression of its good will in the days of our sore trial. To the other we occupy almost the position of a foster mother, beause it was our navy that broke through the door of the Eastern exclusiveness and let in the sunshine of modern civilization. We have declared our neutrality in this

struggle. [Cheers and applause.] o interest, except that the war shall end speedily; no concern, except that it may not bring into the struggle any other nations except those engaged. I can assure you that under no circumstances of which I can conceive is there any danger to the peace of our own nation. I can also assure you that this Administration and its Chief know well that our dear land loves the pathway of peace [applause], and does not wish war.

There never was a fitter time to consider the subject of the navy. There never was a time when a country should not consider its navy instantly ready for war. our independence upon the sea, when Cornwallis was forced to surrender by the aid of our friendly allies, when the French fleet held the English navy at bay, while Washing-ton, Rochambeau and Lafayette forced Cornwallis to surrender.

Reply to Senator Gorman.

then the Secretary of the Navy went on to talk about the Department under his charge and its need for preparedness.

You abandon the navy and you abandon the Monroe Doctrine. If you keep up the avy, you won't have to enforce the Monroe Doctrine. Should we do as the Senator om Maryland proposes [referring to public statements of Senator Gorman of Marviand hat the navy is "top-heavy" and its present state of efficiency makes other nations feel

state of efficiency makes other nations feel that we are marching around with a chip on our shoulders?—No! [Cheers.] So I stand not for retrogression, but for advancement and I believe that the American people stand for advancement. [Applause.]

There was a tremendous outburst of applause and cheering at the end of Mr. Moody's speech. Folks stood up and waved their arms in the air and whooped.

Through all the confusion ex-Speaker the confusion ex-Sp derson made his way down the table to Mr. Moody and shook hands with him in front of the cheering throng. The gather-ing seemed to see something in this more han an ordinary congratulatory hand-

shake and broke into renewed cheering In the course of the dinner Senator Fair-banks of Indiana read a telegram from Dr. Rixey regarding the condition of Senator Hanna. The telegram said that for half an hour before 9:45 o'clock Senator Hanna's condition showed a decided improvement his temperature was 103 and his pulse 112. The telegram added that the patient was

loing "very nicely."
Regarding the telegram, Senator Fair-"If, the good wishes of this company could keep Senator Hanna alive, his life would

There was a great shout of "That's so!" and prolonged cheering.

Great Audience Hears the Speech. Secretary Moody was the fourth speaker on the toast list. Usually a great many diners go home by the time the fourth speaker is called upon. But so generally

the information disseminated that Moody's speech was to be of international importance that nobody went vay before hearing him. He had a mighty audience of Republican politicians around. Nor was his audience together lacking in Democrats of varying egrees of prominence. There are always

a few plutocratic Democrats around the Waldorf-Astoria, in which the Republican lub gave its dinner; they wandered into the galleries and some of them felt safe on an occasion of so much good will and good cheer in going among the diners n the floor.
The good Republicans who sat aloft on

the dais with President Stern and Secretary Moody were, besides the speakers and Bishop Worthington, who said grace, Charles A. Moore, Oscar S. Straus, ex-Minister to Turkey; ex-Judge Henry E. Howland, John R. Van Wormer, Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard, ex-Speaker David B. Henderson, Lieut.-Gov. Frank W. Higgins, Gen. Albert E. Mills, Chancellor Henry C. MacCracken of New York University, Major-Gen. Henry C. Corbin, ex-Congressman Robert W. Tayler of Ohio, the Rev. Dr. Abbott E. Kittredge, Gen. James Wilson, J. F. O'Brien, Gen. he dais with President Stern and Secretary James Wilson, J. F. O'Brien, Gen. James W. S. Clarkson, President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University d Gen. Grenville M, Dodge.

There were nearly four hundred other od Republicans down in the lesser seats. icular group of them would take half a ard of space. Among the few stray Demo-Among the few stray Demorats noted on the floor were President ornes of the Aldermen, who denied that is presence meant that he had changed is political faith recently; Ex-Compreller Eird S. Coler, and James Hamilton ewis, who formerly represented the turora Borealis and the State of Washing-

on in Congress.

Besides all these men folks there were hundred or more loyal Republican women. Dinner was served for them in the Astoriallery, adjoining the great ballroom, where the members of the club sat, and they Il went up into the gallery boxes to have heir coffee and to listen to the oratory. In honor of their arrival the hundreds of lights of the ballrooms which had been limmed through the gastronomic exer-ises, were turned on to their full power and the great red white and blue club monoram which hung over President Louis stern's head burst into a blaze of glory. Every diner had before him, it was seen n this heightened illumination, a small netal bust of Lincoln, which was the sou-

enir of the dinner. President Stern's Address. was nearly 10 o'clock when President

dis appearance was greeted with a cheer by the men in front of him and by prolonged lapping of fair hands in the galleries resident Stern said:

ern rose to begin the oratorical fireworks

Abraham Lincoln's place among the world's moortals is secure beyond peradventure.

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THREE-CENT MUNICIPAL LINE. HANNA WAS YERYNEAR DEATH

Brackinridge's Plan for Railroad Connecting East River Bridges.

Public Works Commissioner John C Brackenridge of the Borough of Brooklyn issued yesterday a statement advocating the construction, by the city, of a railroad connecting the two East River bridges by an elevated line in both Manhattan and Brooklyn, thus forming a loop railroad through both boroughs, permitting the operation of loaded trains in both directions to and from each of the boroughs at the same time."

Mr. Brackenridge says the construction of such a line, about eight miles long, would cost \$10,000,000 and would afford seating accommodations for all of the 315,000 passengers crossing during the rush hours. Charging a fare of three cents, the city would be able to pay 31/2 per cent. interest on the construction bonds.

OUTDID HIS SON IN LOVE. George Vaughn of Salem, Mass., Wins the

Girl Whom His Boy Sought. SALEM, Mass., Feb. 12.-This city is interested over the announcement of the engagement of Miss Bessie Norton Dane, one of the leading society girls of Salem, to George Vaughn, a millionaire widower. Miss Dane is in her twentieth year, while Mr. Vaughn is more than twice her age and is the father of Dwight Vaughn, a schoolmate of the young woman. Every one supposed that young Vaughn would one day become her husband.

When the young man graduated from the high school in 1901 he was attentive to Miss Dane, and for two years up to last summer the neighbors had it all settled that Dwight and his school companion would make a match. One day last summer the young man's father was introduced to Miss Dane by Dwight, when they were on a vachting trip, and he soon outdid the boy in attentions to her. Last fall Dwight suddenly went abroad and his father's engagement has just been an-

Miss Dane is a charming young woman and an active worker in the Congregational

60 CARRIED DOWN LADDERS. Firemen Rescue Women and Children Cut

Off in Tenement Blaze. Nearly sixty persons, most of whom were women and children, were rescued yesterday from the double decker six story tenements at 216 and 218 East 118th street, and just come from the sickroom, said that the firemen had much difficulty in preventing some of the women from jumping from would pass a reasonably comfortable the front fire escapes.

The fire started in the basement of 216. It spread to the dumbwaiter shaft and to the areaway between the buildings, and good effect on the respiration. Dr. Fuchter before the eighteen families in the tenements realized their danger escape by the stairways was cut off by smoke and flames. When the firemen arrived the fire escapes in the front of the building were crowded with frightened women and children.

August Behrman, owner of the buildings, who lives on the second floor of 216, was going into the hallway when the flames his rooms and carried out his wife, who is

When Truck 14 arrived the firemen put up two extension ladders and then began taking the tenants from the fire escapes. The fire was confined to the first floor of 216 and was out in an hour. Twas \$1,500, and no one was hurt.

Fire Marshal Seery said that the fire looked suspicious, and he will make an investigation. Behrman found four young men in the hallway of the building who were unable to tell what they wanted and they were turned over to the police, but was found that nothing had been stolen they were released.

J. TOWNSEND THORPE HELD. Arrested in Richmond for Threatening Kill Mrs. Lloyd, a Singer.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 12.-J. Townsend Thorpe of New York is under arrest here on a variety of charges, the gravest of which is a threat to kill Mrs. Anite Lloyd. a young singer, who opened a studio here recently. He is further charged with having failed to pay his hotel bill and with being a suspicious character.

Thorpe has been here several days. He is about 50 years old and dresses well and has a cast in his right eye. He says he has known Mrs. Lloyd well for several years, but denies that he made any threat to kill

It is said that Mrs. Lloyd is the wife of an official in New York, but that the couple do not now live together. The police department was notified to-night that Mr. Lloyd would be here to-morrow to take the part of his wife in the difficulty.

A YOUNG GIRL FIREBUG.

She Wore a Tam o' Shanter and Tried to Burn a Flathouse, Police Think.

A new firebug in the shape of a thirteenvear-old girl in a red Tam o' Shanter and a red jacket is being sought for by the West Forty-seventh street police. One of the servants of the flathouse at 100 West Fortysixth street discovered a cloud of smoke in the hallway at about 7 o'clock last night, and the janitor found a small heap of sticks and papers smouldering at the foot of the

An Italian watchman across the street said that shortly before the fire was discovered he had seen a little girl who wore a Tam o' Shanter gathering sticks and She went into the hallway he said, and soon departed.

KILLED TWO ROBBERS.

Band of Bank Thieves Driven Off by the

Citizens of St. George, S. C. ST. GEORGE, S. C., Feb. 12 .- A band of armed robbers who came into St. George early this morning to break open the bank and post office got a warm reception, two of their number-being killed. Last night the Mayor received a telephone message from a nearby town warning him of the ntended raid of the band, and when the outlaws arrived practically the entire town was under arms and waiting for them.

The robbers were working in twos and The first two, when sponded by opening fire on Reed and Stokes, two young men, who fired in return, killing one of the outlaws. His confederates came up in time to get the body. While going to the aid of Reed and Stokes, Chief of Police Ninus and Bill Sears, a negro, were fired on, the chief being slightly wounded. Sears shot and killed one of the ttacking party and was himself wounded slightly After this the robbers fled, and all efforts

to capture them have been unsuccessful. THE HOT SPRINGS OF ARKANSAS. Owned by U. S. Government, Ideal wintersort. Indorsed by Government for rheumatism of many other ills. Golf. 100 hotels of all grades ormation, Hot Springs, Ark. -Adv.

A COLLAPSE THAT STOPPED THE HEART'S ACTION.

His Physicians for a Time Believed He Was Dead-He Finally Rallied Under the Effects of Powerful Stimulants and Oxygen-Temperature Reduced to 101

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.-Senator Hanna was very near death this afternoon, and to-night, according to his physicians and the members of his family, who constantly hover near the door of the sick chamber his life is hanging by a very slender thread At 5 o'clock this afternoon there was ap parently no hope for the Senator's recovery Indeed, for a very few moments even the physicians believed he was dead. Not the faintest pulsation of the heart could be detected, and his breathing had apparently stopped. To-night the Senator has a fighting chance, but the odds are against

The powerful stimulants administered during the hours he was in a state of collapse have had their effect on his weakened heart, the saline solution hypodermically injected has bettered his sluggish circulation and the free use of oxygen has restored breath to his body. But the Senator must show a marked improvement within the next forty-eight hours before the attending physicians will permit the hopes of the family and friends to rest upon anything real and tangible.

The Senator's collapse this afternoon was absolutely unexpected. The physicians had paid their morning visit and the patient's condition was such that Dr. Osler returned to Baltimore and Dr. Rixey left the hotel. leaving only Dr. Carter of Cleveland, the Hanna family physician, within call of the

For three hours after the chill was marked. the beginning of the collapse was noted. Dr. Carter worked alone, aided only by the trained nurse. Every resource of science and skill was used, and when Dr. Osler arrived from Baltimore to-night with his assistant, Dr. Fuchter, Dr. Carter was worn out and exhausted and was obliged to leave the sickroom and seek much needed rest.

At 11 o'clock to-night the Senator had rallied to some extent and the following bulletin indicates his condition:

Senator Hanna has reacted from the chill and depression of the afternoon. His temperature is 101, pulse 120, respiration 32. He is resting quietly."

At half past 11 o'clock, Elmer Dover, the Senator's private secretary, who had there was every indication that the Senator night. He added that oxygen was now being administered only at intervals of fifteen minutes, and that it was having a will remain with the patient all night and Dr. Osler, the eminent Baltimore diagnostician, will be in the hotel within call. At 12 o'clock last night when Senator

Hanna's temperature reached 104.8, the highest point during the progress of his illness, Dr. Carter, who was in attendance, felt assured that the crisis would be reached in a short time. The patient was restless shot up through the basement stairway. all the latter part of the night and the un-He worked his way through the smoke to favorable symptoms were reflected in the morning bulletin at 8 o'clock, which said more rapid, 112, with respiration 23. The irritability of the stomach had disappeared During the forenoon he rested somewhat more comfortably and at noon the following bulletin was issued:

"At noon Senator Hanna was resting quietly. Temperature, 101.9; pulse, 108; respiration, 39. He continues to retain nourishment. No complications."

During the forenoon, saline solutions were injected at intervals beneath the patient's skin, but not in the veins. The physicians explained that this was done to neutralize the effect of the fever poison, and not as an extreme measure.

At 2 o'clock the Senator had a severe and absolutely unexpected relapse, which started with a chill. His pulse increased to 130, his respiration to 38. His extreme weakness was increased by a movement of the bowels at this hour. Powerful stimulants were hypodermically injected, oxygen was administered, Dr. Rixey was sent for and a telephone message was sent to Dr. Osler in Baltimore.

At 4 o'clock the Senator's oulse was fluttering and apparently he was in extremis. His breathing was barely perceptible. Messages were sent to Dan Hanna, the Senator's son in Cleveland; to Mrs. Parsons, a daughter, and to other relatives and friends, saving that the Senator's condition was extremely critical. The Senator hovered between life and death from 2 o'clock until shortly before 6 o'clock, when he rallied somewhat.

Dr. Osler arrived just after the first improvement was noticed and took charge of the case. During the next two hours the physicians worked unceasingly, administering arsenic, strychnine, saline solution and oxygen, and at 8 o'clock the following

bulletin was issued: . "Senator Hanna had a chill at 2 o'clock this afternoon. He reacted from it and is now in a better condition. Temperature 103.2; pulse, 112; respiration, 36."

This bulletin was supplemented by statement from Dr. Osler to the effect that the particular crisis of to-day had passed and that Mr. Hanna was doing as well as could be expected. The most unsatisfactory feature of the above bulletin was with regard to respiration, and the doctors said that the constant use of oxygen was

being continued. Between 8 and 11 o'clock the Senator's condition further improved, and it was then that the physicians announced that the patient had a fighting chance. The use of heart stimulants was continued, however, and oxygen will be administered at quarter-hour intervals during the night in an effort to further reduce the respiration.

There were many callers at the Arlington to-day to ask regarding the Senator's condition. President and Mrs. Roosevelt both called at different times. At the Capitol the question oftenest heard was "How is the Senator." In the Senate and House bulletins were received by the press associations and displayed on the desks. In the House there was a constant throng of members about the bulletins.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 12.-Daniel R. Hanna and wife came in on the Cleveland Flyer, arriving here at 8:40 o'clock this evening, and left for Washington at 10 o'clock. Mr. Hanna said that reports from his father were to the effect that

Made of the tender mest of dairy fed, fat, young porkers, daintily seasoned with selected spices. Try a two-pound package. Beware of imitations.—Adr.

RUSSIAN VESSEL BLOWN UP. Torpedo Transport Hits a Mine at Port Arthur-95 Lost.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 13.-A report eceived from Admiral Alexieff says that the Russian torpedo transport Yenisei has been blown up in Port Arthur harbor. Her captain and three officers and nintyone men were drowned.

The report says that the Yenisei struck one of her own mines. She was laying mines in the harbor when the accident occurred.

The Yenisei was a steel vessel, 300 feet long and of 2,500 tons displacement and

4,700 horse-power. On her trial trip in 1901, just after she was launched from the Baltic works at St. Petersburg, she made 171/2 knots. She had an armament of five 12-pounder and three 3-pounder rapid-firers. She was fitted with a long overhanging counter in which are cut ports through which sho lowered mines.

ROUSS VERDICT UPHELD. Estate of the Broadway Merchant Must Pay

\$100,000 for Illegitimate Child. The \$100,000 verdict against the estate of Charles Broadway Rouss, the blind mer-chant, who died on March 3, 1902, in favor of Charles Broadway Rosseau, his illegitimate son, was affirmed vesterday by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. The boy was 10 years old on June 4, 1902, and his mother alleged that Rouss had promised to settle \$100,000 in cash on the boy as soon as he should have completed his tenth year.

The contract was disputed by Peter W Rouss, the son and executor of the merchant, and the paternity of the child was denied. After a long trial some months ago a verdict was rendered in the full

The Appellate Division holds that a contract made by the mother of an illegitimate child with the putative father may be recognized and enforced if proved, where the consideration involves the duty of supporting and caring for the child. In the present case, says the court, there appears to have been such a consideration, and the material facts were abundantly proved, Rouss having publicly acknowledged the child as his son and spoken to others of his \$100,000

Justice Ingraham dissents, on the ground that a valid consideration was not

TRAIN KILLS A POLICEMAN. McDonald Was Putting On His Ear Muffs

and Didn't Hear the Engine. Policeman Peter McDonald of the Kingsbridge station went out at 4 o'clock yester day afternoon to relieve Policeman Boyle on the post between Kingsbridge and Spuyten Duyvil, near the New York Central's tracks.

"It's a nasty wind that's blowing." said Boyle as they met at the railroad tracks. It cuts right through you."

McDonald started up the northbound track. When he had got about 200 feet from the crossing he pulled out his ear muffs and began to put them on. Three women were at Riley's crossing, just above, with a little child, waiting for the upbound Detroit Special to pass. Mrs. Mary Dee looked out of the back window of her house and wondered why McDonald didn't get out of the way. Then the train hit him and threw him fifty feet. He was

killed instantly. The women at the gate screamed and staggered back. The little child with them ran onto the track but was pulled away just in time by Gateman Palatto.

McDonald was 46 years old. He leaves a widow and five children in his home, at Heath avenue and Boston road.

ROW IN COLOMBIAN ARMY. Gen. Castro. Who Supports Reves. Deposed From Chief Command.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Colon, Feb. 12.- Reliable news has been received here from Cartagena to the effect that the political situation in Colombia is desperate. Gen. Manjarres was appointed to replace Gen. Castro as Commander-in Chief of the Colombian Army with Gen. Castro's knowledge.

Gen. Manjarres when he arrived at Cartagena refused to show his credentials and ignored the Governor. He received recognition at the barracks and proceeded to Calamar with a battalion of troops. Gen. Castro resented the proceedings and went up the river to get in telegraphic communication with the President. The officer next in command to Gen. Castro remained at Barranquilla with 3,500 men. A river steamer arrived at Calamar with troops for Gen. Manjarres, who proceeded to Barranquilla, which place was given over to him on Feb. 9 without the firing of

The trouble is due to the fact that Gen Castro is supporting Gen. Reyes, the newly elected President, and Gen. Manjarres advocates Velez for the office. Further trouble is expected. It would not be surprising if fighting occurred at Cartagena.

FLORIDA IS DEAD.

Not the State, but Its Namesake, the Sea Cow, at the Aquarium.

Florida, the manatee, or sea cow, named for the genial State from which she was brought four months ago, has fallen a victim to the rigorous New York weather. With all its heat the air of the Aquarium was not salubrious enough for her and she caught pneumonia last week.

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She was a rare specimen, weighting 750 pounds. Very few of her species have lived as long as she in captivity in the North. Manatees are rare, but the Aquarium managers hope to get another this summer. Florida will be stuffed and mounted in the Museum of Natural History.

GERMANY'S APPROVAL.

Thinks Hay's Plan Admirably Besigned to Insure China's Tranquillity, Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Feb. 12 .- It is stated in official quarters unofficially that the negotiations on the basis of the note of Mr. Hay are proceeding favorably.

It is asserted that the Foreign Office regards the proposals as admirably de-signed to insure the tranquillity of China, and is prepared to associate itself with them if Russia and Japan assent to the prin-

Russia Gets German Steamers?

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. HAMBURG, Feb. 12.-Russia has chartered two steamers of the Menzell Line. One of them, the Carl Menzell, has sailed for Vladivostok with guns and ammunition. The other will follow in a few days.

RUSSIA HITS

Warships, Off Yezo, Sink Japanese Merchant Ship.

ARMIES MOVING IN COREA.

Russians Said to Be Marching South of the Yalu.

Japanese Admiral's Report Shows That He Lost No Ships in Port Arthur Engagement, and Had Only Four Men Killed-Report That the Defeated Russian Admiral Has Been Recalled Prisoners Taken at Chemulpho to Be Paroled-Indefinite Reports About the Plan to Send Ryssla's Baltle Sea Fleet to the Far Eastern Waters.

Russia has at last made an offensive move at sea. Four warships, presumably those which had been at Vladivostok, appeared off Yezo Island, north of the main island of Japan, on Thursday. They attacked two Japanese merchant ships and sank one of them. The other escaped. There is yet no confirmation of the re-

ported bombardment of Hakodate, the Northern Japanese port, but, if true, it is probably the work of the same squadron. The four Russian warships, which were reported as leaving Vladivostok several days ago, were the armored cruisers Rurik,

erniser Bogatyr. Admiral Togo's report to Tokio of the naval battle at Port Arthur shows that the Japanese lost no ships, but did have four men killed and fifty-four wounded.

Gromovoi and Rossia and the protected

The reports of a second engagement at Port Arthur were evidently based on belated accounts of the first fight, as THE Sun pointed out yesterday.

Though no official news is given out regarding the movements of the two armies, it is reported that the Russians are south of the Yalu in Corea. There are many predictions of an early battle.

RUSSIANS SINK MERCHANT SHIP. Four Warships Appear Off Yeze, Probably From Vladivostek.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 12.-The Japanese Legation announces that the Japanese merchant steamers Zensho Maru and Nakonoura Maru, while proceeding from Sakata to Otaru, were surrounded on Thursday and bombarded by four Russian men-of-war, presumably the Vladivostok squadron, off the coast of Herunashi. The Nakonoura Maru was sunk. The Zensho Maru escaped

and has arrived at Fukuvama. The Zensho Maru is of 319 tons, and was

WARSHIPS STILL OFF COAST OF YEZO. WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.-The following official telegram from the Japanese Foreign Office, dated Tokio, Feb. 11, was received by the Japanese Minister at 9 o'clock to-

"According to the report of the Governor of Yezo Island, two small Japanese merchant ships, Zensho Maru and Nakonoura Maru, while on their way to Otaru la port on the western coast of Yezo Island] from Sakata is port on the northern coast of the main island of Japan], were fired on on Feb. 11 by four Russian men-of-war, off the western coast of Oomori prefecture, and the latter was sunk, while the former had a

narrow escape. "The Russian men-of-war are still seen off the western coast of Yezo Island. They are supposed to be the first class cruisers which have been shut up at Vladivostok and tried some time ago to join the main squadron at Port Arthur."

ARMY MOVES HIDDEN. Forces May Be Nearing a Clash in Corea -The Baltic Fleet.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Feb. 13.—The only important war news is that inferred from the Russian attack on two small Japanese tramp steamers. It is assumed here that if, as it appears, the Vladivostok squadron did the attacking, it is out to harry the northern coasts of Japan.

The rumor is revived that the Vladivostok squadron bombarded and wrecked Hakodate, but the source is unreliable and the statement is not regarded as probable. All else regarding this squadron is specu-

lation. Nothing reliable concerning the Japanese fleet has been heard since Feb. 9. The

army movements are equally hidden. The report of Mr. Allen, the American Minister to Corea, that there are 2,500 Japanese in Seoul is interpreted here as indicating that the remainder have been con-

veved further north.

There are rumors, based apparently on surmise, that the Russians are moving south from the Yalu River, but both belligerents are enforcing a most rigid censorship, and not a single grain of fact can be extracted. There are numberless reports and speculations.

THE DARDANELLES QUESTION. The Daily News reaffirms that the Dardanelles question has been raised, but this is scouted elsewhere. Nothing more has been heard regarding the Russian Baltic fleet, and in view of the difficulties and dangers involved in any such movement the report that it is en route for the Far Fast is now dismissed as most improbable.

Gunboat Wilmington Ordered to Chefoo. Berlin officials denied yesterday that anything was known of Russia's reported request for permission for the fleet to pass through the Kiel Canal.

The Telegraph, which lately gave conspicu-

to block the Baltic if Great Britain became involved in the war, now gives prominence to a statement, purporting to have come from its St. Petersburg correspondent, to the effect that if the fortune of war

expected from Germany. The paper says: "Already proposals are affirmed to have been made by the chief of that State which, if accepted, will complicate matters considerably. The German Government is especially bitter with England, and will support Russia diplo-

matically in any action tending to bring

the question of the evacuation of Wei-hai-

goes against Russia a diversion likely to

lead to far reaching results is confidently

wei before The Hague Tribunat. Germany's fixed resolution "is to avail herself of the present crisis to win back Russian friendship and oust France from favor, but the proposals which have emanated from Berlin are definite and concrete, and if accepted are likely to interest Europe more keenly than the war."

PRINCE LOUIS NAPOLEON TO COMMAND CAVALRY.

A despatch to the Standard from Brussels says that Prince Louis Napoleon, who is visiting his mother at Geneva, has been recalled by telegraph to St. Petersburg. he having been appointed to the chief command of the cavalry in Manchuria.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister, denies the possibility of members of the crew of the Russian cruiser Pallada being poisoned by the fumes from shells loaded with melinite. He says that the Japanese torpedoes are English made, and are loaded with guncotton.

OUTBURST OF PATRIOTISM. Russians Parade in St. Petersburg, Singing the National Anthem.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. St. Petersburg, Feb. 12.-There was great patriotic demonstration here to-day. An immense procession of all classes. headed by choristers, and carrying national flags, paraded the streets to the Winter

Palace, where the national anthem and

other patriotic songs were sung. Thence the procession moved to the barracks of the Pavlosky Regiment and afterward to the French Embassy, where in response to the demonstration Mme. Bombard, wife of the French Ambassador, and Gen. Kouropatkin, Russian Minister of War, who happened to be visiting the Embassy, went on a balcony and were enthusiastically

cheered. Later the procession went to the Anitchkoff Palace to serenade and cheer the Dow-

ager Czarina. A Russian version of "The Geisha," which was being performed here, has been withdrawn owing to the hostile demonstrations

against it. In consequence of rumors based on doubtful statements by foreign news agencies and newspapers, concerning a naval built in 1895. The Nakonoura Maru was of | battle at Chemulpho, the landing of Japanese troops in Corea, incidents on the Manchurian railway and similar reports, tion to say that Mr. Hay's proposal was in the general staff to-day declared that no news confirmatory of such reports had

reached St. Petersburg.

JAPAN LOST NO SHIPS. Had Four Men Kided and Fifty-four Wounded in Port Arthur Fight.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 .- The Japanese Minister this evening gave out the following telegram, which is the substance of Admiral Togo's official report to the Government at Tokio of the attack on Port

"Ja panese combined squadron left Sasebo in command of Admiral Togo on Feb. 6, and on midnight of the 8th Japanese torpedo flotilla attacked with success the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, and again at 10 o'clock the following morning for forty minutes. The Russian fleet fled into the harbor. Two Russian battleships and one cruiser were damaged by torpedoes. The firing was ceased at 1 o'clock in the after-

"Japanese ships were but slightly damaged and none has lost its fighting power.

"Casualties were fifty-eight, four of which were killed and others wounded. "Imperial Princes are all safe. After pattle the Japanese officers and men are high spirited and behaved with great calm-

ness as if they were in ordinary manœuvres. The number of the Imperial Princes on board the Japanese ships is not known here, but the naval attaché of the legation is of the opinion that three of them were with the squadron.

PORT ARTHUR GARRISON WERE ABSENT. WEI HAI WEI, Feb. 12.- The steamer Fuping, whose captain is English, has arrived here on her way to Shanghai, whither she is taking Chinese refugees from Port Arthur.

She brings a report of the Japanese attack on Port Arthur last Monday night. which adds to the known facts that the garrisons at the forts were absent from their stations and retaliation upon the Japanese fleet was impossible.

The Fuping, which was flying the British

flag, and which had a Russian permit,

passed a Russian guardship as she moved out of the harbor. The guardship fired three shells at close range, wounding five of the Chinese aboard the Fuping. The steamer's captain boarded the guardship and showed his permit to leave. The Russians said they were very sorry for

tain to proceed after signing a promise not to divulge what had occurred. The captain says that the Russian fleet appears to be completely demoralized.

what had happened, and allowed the cap-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.-The gunboat Wilmington has been ordered to Chefoo, the nearest place to the scene of hostilities from which telegrams may be sent without danger of interruption. She left Kong yesterday for that place.

ousness to a rumor of Germany's intention JAPAN ACCEPTS OUR PLAN

WILL RESPECT CHINA'S NEUTRAL ITY IF RUSSIA DOES.

All Nations but Russia Have Assented to the Principle of Mr. Hay's Suggestion -Nothing in It to Prevent Military Operations Being Conducted in Manchuria.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 .- With the exception of Russia, all the nations addressed by the State Department with regard to the Chinese neutrality proposal of the United States have made responses, and all of them have expressed themselves as in favor of the principle which Secretary Hay laid down. Russia is evidently suspicious of "a nigger in the woodpile," and no surprise is felt here that she is taking plenty of time to give the most careful

consideration to Mr. Hay's proposal. Japan, in assenting to the principle involved, has expressed a willingness to respect China's neutrality, if Russia will do likewise.

Exchanges are now in progress between most of the European Governments to determine what representations they should make to Russia and Japan in a furtherance of Mr. Hay's suggestion. Of the progress of these exchanges the State Department is being kept informed.

For the first time since Mr. Hay's communication was addressed to the nations concerned in the Chinese question it is possible to give some detailed information of an authoritative nature in regard to the character and scope of the suggestions advanced by this Government. Whatever the President and Secretary Hay may have hoped to accomplish by the proposals, or Germany may have had in view in bringing the matter originally to the attention of this Government, it is now declared in the most responsible quarter that the United States Government is seeking only to secure limitation of hostilities to as small

an area as possible. THE SUN representative is informed that the greatest confusion exists as to what has been proposed by the United States. This confusion may be attributed to the very general terms in which the suggestions advanced by Mr. Hay were couched and particularly to the use of the expression 'administrative entity."

The suggestion of Mr. Hay was that it might be proper to secure from Russia and Japan a recognition of the neutrality of China's administrative entity. To interpret this expression to mean that the United States Government desired to secure the neutralization of the whole of the Chinese Empire is now declared to be erroneous. There is no harm in saying that the confusing term was used advisedly because it appeared to be the acme of verbal general-

definition obtained in the proper quarter, the neutrality of the Chinese Government within that part of the empire over which it exercises its imperial functions, and does not mean the neutralization of territory, as has been understood. With definite assurance of its correctness,

ization. Now, that an explanation of its

neaning is necessary, it is translated into

The Chinese Government. In other

words, the neutrality of "China's adminis-

trative entity" means, according to the

this form: The good offices of the United States vere tendered to Russia and Japan to bring about an arrangement for confining hostilities to as small an area as possible, and asking them to respect the neutrality of

THE SUN'S representative is now in a post

China. The object of this was to prevent danger of an outbreak among the Chinese through their proximity to the theatre of conflict and to secure from the two combatants assurances that as long as China remained neutral they would not invade any Chinese territory outside the zone of hostilities agreed upon or take any other measures injurious to that country. Great Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Austria, and the smaller nations were invited to make the

same representations to Russia and Japan.

no suggestion by this Government that

there be collective action by the Powers to

It is authoritatively stated that there was

compel Russia and Japan to agree to its proposal. Even the expression "concurrent action," it was declared, could not be correctly applied to the form in which the representations were to be made. Each nation addressed was merely invited to make to Russia and Japan representations similar to those of the United States, and nothing was said that would

furnish warrant for the ideathat the Powers

should make Russia and Japan respect

China's neutrality even if they did not On authority also the statement can be made to mean that there shall be no fighting on Chinese territory. Such a construction would, of course, indicate that Manchuria should be regarded as not included within the sphere of hostilities. The whole idea. to be properly obtained from Mr. Hay's proposal in this connection, it was declared, was that it would be pleasing to the United States in its desire to have China remain neutral, if the fighting were restricted to as small an area as possible.

The principle to which the neutral Powers and Japan have given their adherence is as outlined above. It may be briefly put in this way: Russian and Japan would please their friends in the family of nations if they confined their military operations to the smallest possible zone, and by not doing anything injurious to China's interests as long as the Chinese Government remained strictly neutral.

Minister Conger telegraphed the State Department from Pekin to-day that the Chinese Government would issue a proc lamation of neutrality.

UPHOLDS JAPAN'S ACTION.

Prof. Burgess of Columbia Says She Vic-

lated No Principle of International Law. Prof. John W. Burgess, dean of the school political science of Columbia University, and an authority on international law. declared vesterday that Japan had violated no principle of international law by her attack on the Russian fleet in Port Arthur previous to a formal declaration of hos

an act of treachery the evidence is all on the other side," said Prof. Burgess. "In our wars, both with Mexico and Spain, hostilities were begun and continued before

"As far as there is precedent for alleging

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